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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

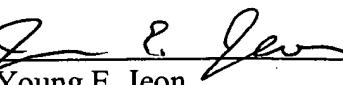
Claims 17-23 and 28 are pending in the present application. Claims 17 and 28 have been amended. Applicant understands that the amendment mailed February 25, 2008 was not entered; therefore, claim amendments to claims 17 and 28 are submitted once again herein. Claims 1-16 and 24-27 have been cancelled.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating in the March 24, 2008 Advisory Action that claim 17 as amended in the reply filed February 25, 2008 would be allowable if submitted in a separate amendment canceling the non-allowable claims. Claims 18-23 and 28 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 17, and they each incorporate all the terms and limitations of claim 17 in addition to other limitations, which together further patentably distinguish them over the cited references. Therefore, Applicant requests that claims 18-23 and 28 be allowed as well. Claims 1-16 and 24-27 are canceled herein without prejudice. Claims 1-16 and 24-27 are canceled for the sole purpose of advancing the prosecution of the application without necessarily conceding to the reasons for their rejection or giving up any subject matter. Applicant hereby reserves the right to pursue the canceled claims in a continuation application.

Since all of the rejected claims have been canceled, Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance. In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicant earnestly solicits a timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance with allowable claims 17-23 and 28.

If there are any remaining issues that can be addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is cordially invited to call Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

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